

H. Res. 759

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

September 29, 2004.

Whereas children represent the Nation's future and numerous individuals and organizations across the United States devote precious time, energy, and resources to enrich that future by helping children advance their hopes and dreams and to realize their aspirations;

Whereas it is in the public interest to increase awareness of children's special needs and the demonstrably effective efforts of those making a real difference in children's lives, which in turn and over time will serve to strengthen the social fabric of our country;

Whereas the Festival of Children Foundation has been established in southern California (1) to showcase those non-profit groups performing exemplary works, so that they may through increased exposure secure and sustain the volunteer, leadership, and financial support necessary to be successful, (2) to provide a free resource to such groups so that they might more easily leverage scarce resources through creative, collaborative efforts to serve their shared constituencies for the betterment of the community at large, and (3) to provide a free and effective platform to facilitate such groups sharing lessons learned in bringing a results orientation to community mobilization, strategic planning, and overall best practices;

Whereas during the last two years more than 100 non-profit groups in southern California have benefited enormously from exposure they could not otherwise have received but for the Festival of Children Foundation, principally through programs and activities at partner organizations such as retail, commercial, and cultural centers;

Whereas September is a time, as children return to school, that families and the Nation as a whole are especially mindful of children and their special needs and opportunities; and

Whereas in September 2004 the Festival of Children Foundation, working with its partners, has invited 50 agencies and organizations that serve children throughout southern California to have a month of high profile exhibits along with another 50 such groups to participate in other programs and activities as part the Foundation's ongoing mission: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives commends the Festival of Children Foundation of southern California—

(1) for its outstanding efforts on behalf of children;

and

(2) for the difference that it is making in the communities in which it is active and in the lives of children.

Attest:

Clerk.